to the Prime Minister to convene an Inter-State Council meeting immediately to discuss this issue and to do justice to the States which are affected by the recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned for lunch till 2.30 p.m.

The House then adjourned for lunch at four minutes past one of the clock.

The House re-assembled after lunch at thirty-three minutes past two of the clock, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK) in the Chair.

THE SEMI-CONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUITS LAYOUT-DESIGN BILL, 2000

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री रमा शंकर कौशिक) : इससे पहले कि हम लोग प्राइवेट मैंबर्स बिज़िनेस शुरू करें, सरकार की ओर से एक विधेयक में, जो यहां पहले पास हो चुका है, एक छोटा - सा अमैंडमेंट प्रमोद महाजन जी रखना चाहते हैं ।

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): Sir, I beg to move:

> 'That the following amendment made by the Lok Sabha in the Semi-Conductor Integrated Circuits Layout-Design Bill, 2000 be taken into consideration, namely:-
>
> Clause - 2
>
> Page 3, line 7, -
>
> *for* "Vice-Chairman" means the "Vice-Chairman" *substitute* "Vice-Chairperson" means the "Vice-Chairperson" '.

The question was proposed.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO (Goa): Sir, I had given a notice to oppose this amendment. But I have no problem if the House wants to pass it. Sir, I want to draw the attention of the House to a couple of things.

No.1, we are here in this House which is the Council of States. Under article 89 of the Constitution, there is no Chairperson and there is no Deputy Chairperson. Now the very amendment which we are bringing about here trivialises equality. It is tokenism and it is not necessary to bring it when there is so much business to be done. Firstly, I mention that in this very House there is no Deputy Chairperson; there is a Deputy Chairman. Under the Constitution, there is a Chairman. Furthermore, under rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of this House, there is a Deputy Chairman; there is no Deputy Chairperson. Under Rule 8, there is a panel of Vice-Chairmen; there is no panel of Vice-Chairpersons. What I want to draw your attention to is that this is tokenism and lip-service. If we go in this way, there will be no humanity because the word 'human' comes from 'homo', that is, man; there will be no human and there will be no humanism. So, this is not the thing. If the Government is serious about helping the women and giving them dignity, it should bring the Bill for empowering women and giving them 33% reservation. Why are you giving this as a token? Mr. Vice-Chairman, I do not know to which party you belong.

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI (Tamil Nadu): He belongs to all the parties!

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: I am saying this with utmost respect and sympathy. I do not want to hurt you or anybody else. But if you want, I quote the statements of BJP leaders here regarding women...

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: What is this, Sir? He is making a political speech here.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: ...but I should not do it today; may be, some other time.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: You can object to this. But you cannot make political speeches here. It has nothing to do with the BJP. If you want, you can object to it. If the House doesn't want to pass it, the House is free not to pass it.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: I did not make a political speech. I will make a political speech at a political forum only. But I don't want you to interrupt me and provoke me on this. Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I would just

say this, trivialising the issue of equality of women and this tokenism is not good. The Constitution is there; the Rules of Procedure of this House are there, which are contradictory to what this amendment seeks to do.

SHRI B. P. SINGHAL (Uttar Pradesh): I have a point of order, Sir. The Lok Sabha has passed this. He is continuously saying 'trivialising', 'trivialising'. That means, the Lok Sabha is trivialising it.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Yes; Lok Sabha or anybody! Therefore, I say, if you want to help women, bring the Bill providing for reservation for women. That is something which is concrete; not this type of a thing. If the House wants to pass it, I have no problem. But I want to register this, that this tokenism is not good enough; it is not acceptable.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Sir, the original Bill talks only of 'Chairman'. The hon. Member is right, as far as the Indian Constitution or even the Indian laws are concerned. If you go by the dictionary meaning, 'woman' includes 'man'. But in the Indian law, 'man' includes 'woman'. Or, 'she' includes 'he', but under the Indian law, 'he' includes 'she'. It is true. At the same time, one must also realise that we are not changing every law retrospectively. But, prospectively, wherever we are bringing in new laws, we are trying to avoid the use of the word 'Chairman'. Instead of that, we are trying to bring in 'Chairperson'. The Standing Committee has recommended the change everywhere from 'Chairman' to 'Chairperson'. When this Bill was passed originally in this House, there were 20 amendments in respect of this change. Inadvertently, one clause still remained to be changed. We could not change it here. The Lok Sabha had changed it. That is why I came to this House today. This is the first point.

Secondly, as far as 'tokenism' is concerned, I totally agree, whether you write 'Chairman' or 'Chairperson', it is not going to help; unless you appoint women to this post, only writing 'Chairperson' and appointing men will not solve the problem. Still, I think, tokenism also has importance in public life. Usage of words also becomes important. The use of the word 'Chairperson' has its own righteousness.

Lastly, as far as the Women's Bill is concerned, though it is not directly related to this, I can only say that we would like to bring the Bill as early as possible. We want to pass it in the present form, but there is a large-scale opposition to pass it in the present form. So, we will evolve a consensus and bring it to the House.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK): The question is:

'That the following amendment made by the Lok Sabha in the Semi-Conductor Integrated Circuits Layout-Design Bill, 2000 be taken into consideration, namely:-

Clause - 2

Page 3, line 7, -

for "Vice-Chairman" means the "Vice-Chairman" *substitute* ' "Vice-Chairperson" means the "Vice-Chairperson"

The motion was adopted.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Sir, I move:

'That the amendment made by the Lok Sabha in the Bill be agreed to.'

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, आपने सारा हिन्दी में किया है इसलिए मैं एक जानकारी देना चाहता हूं, मैं हिन्दी में चेयर परसन का शब्द ढूंढने की कोशिश कर रहा था, जो हिन्दी में संशोधन है, उसमें केवल इतना ही लिखा है कि उपाध्यक्ष की जगह उपाध्यक्ष कहा जाए। ...**(व्यवधान)**...

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री रमा शंकर कौशिक) : हिन्दी भाषा इतनी विशाल और विराट है कि इसमें सभी शब्दों का समावेश किया जा सकता है। ...**(व्यवधान)**...

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK): We now take up Bills for introduction. Shri P. Prabhakar Reddy - not here. Shri K.C. Kondaiah - not here. Shri Sanjay Nirupam.

THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2000 (to amend article 80)

श्री संजय निरूपम (महाराष्ट्र): महोदय, मुझे भारत के संविधान का और संशोधन करने वाले विधेयक को पुर: स्थापित करने की अनुमति दी जाए।

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

श्री संजय निरूपम : मैं विधेयक को पुर: स्थापित करता हूं।